HCS SS#3 SB 22 -- JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter (Evans)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 13 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0 with 1 present.

This bill modifies provisions relating to judicial proceedings.

Please see the Summary Sheet for a detailed list of additional language added to the bill in committee.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the Senate Perfected version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that intentional second degree murder was added to the list of offenses for which juveniles are not eligible for parole after serving at least 15 years. It also raises the age for discretionary and mandatory certification hearings for juveniles. One witness testified that her mother was murdered by a juvenile, who was sentenced to 107 years imprisonment but the juvenile was later paroled.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Bernskoetter; and Rose Ridnour.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose submitted their testimony in writing, which can be found online.

Testifying in person against the bill was Tori Schafer, ACLU of Missouri. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under House Testimony on Senate Bills on the House website.